

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17th of March 2026 at The Old Powerhouse (TOPH), Bryanston Minutes are NOT verbatim

Councillors: Cllr C Tompsett -Chairman, Cllr C Moxham, Cllr M Bird, Cllr B Stone and Cllr A Maxwell

In attendance: Nicola Phillips, Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen. There was one member of the public present

Public consultation – None

25/49. To receive and accept apologies of absence and declaration of interest and dispensations.

Cllr W Cowling – Vice Chairman, Cllr F Stocks. The Parish Council wishes Cllr F Stocks a speedy recovery. There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

25/50. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 14th January 2026.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr M Bird and seconded by Cllr C Moxham that the contents were a true and accurate record, all agreed, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes dated the 14th of January 2026 (25/50 – no budgetary requirements)

25/51. Matters arising from the meeting dated the 14th of January 2026 and New Matters

Update on applications for position of Clerk – the Clerk reported that the advert for the vacancy was placed on the Parish Council's website and DAPTC advertised it on their, to cover the whole of Dorset. The Parish Council received one applicant, who will be interviewed next week for the position.

Update on newly refurbished bench in New Road – Cllr Bird confirmed that the plaque has been fitted which has completed the refurbishment of the bench. The Chairman thanked Cllr Moxham and Cllr Bird for their work on this project.

Update on potholes and flooding at Walnut Avenue – The Clerk confirmed that she has now received correspondence from Savills, confirming that the gullies and drains have been cleared to help prevent flooding and potholes will be repaired in the summer, alongside other road repair works in the area.

The Chairman asked for an update on the painting of SLOW sign on the road coming from Bryanston School grounds towards Home Farm, agreed by Dorset Council. The Clerk confirmed that this is on Dorset Council's work schedule but have yet to give a starting date due to other works of higher priority. It was also noted that the verge in the same area (near the green gate) is very overgrown and is a safety issue as it blocks the line of sight for motorists and pedestrians crossing the road at this bend. Some residents have expressed their wish for vegetation to remain as it is important for wildlife, but health and safety take priority. The Clerk will contact Savills to request the verge is cut back.

Action - Clerk

Update on change to speed limits – the Clerk is waiting for an update from Dorset Council on the proposed date for the new 20mph speed limit to come into force.

Update on recycling in phone box – the Chairman reported that the bras and glasses collection point in the phone box has achieved some interest and has also received a request for the phone box to be used as a drop off point for plastic milk cartons tops. These will be collected for charity purposes. The Councillors approved the request and will review recycling in the phone box at the next meeting.

At this point it was also agreed to hold another Litter Pick, perhaps the 11th of April, followed by hot dogs as a thank you to volunteers, afterwards at The OP.

Cllr A Maxwell offered to help with taking down the rotten notice board near Home Farm.

Action: Cllr Moxham

Action: Cllr Maxwell

25/52. Report from representative of Dorset Council

Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen reported the following:

- Reported that one of Dorset Council's top priorities is supporting those affected by flooding and the prevention of future flooding to protect homes, business, and roads. The DC environmental team are reviewing their flood zones.
- The booking service for recycling center is going ahead at Shaftesbury and some other sites in Dorset. Blandford is not currently affected. Dorset Council has said it does not believe the new booking system will encourage more fly tipping in the county.
- The Community Governance Review will take place this year.

25/53. Officers report

Vice-Chairman report – Walnut Avenue was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Bryanston Holt, it was reported that the mud on New Road is still often present, suggesting that the wheel washing is not taking place. The Clerk will speak to the necessary authorities again.

Action - Clerk

Bryanston School – an open manhole in woodland was reported to Bryanston School. This has now been covered.

Environmental – Complaints received over the lack of consistency in refuse collection at Lower Bryanston. The Clerk will contact Dorset Waste Partnership to find out what the issues are and copy Cllr Jespersen to also follow up the complaint as necessary.

Action - Clerk

Highways – BPC has received a request from a member of the public for signs or road markings warning of bend and junction in New Road, near the corner at Keepers Cottage/Broadley Wood, as there has been many traffic accidents in this area over the last 6 months. The Clerk will put in a request this to the road safety management team at Dorset Council but emphasised that without reported evidence that this area of road is dangerous, Dorset Council may not action the request. Unfortunately, traffic incidents that the police attend, do not automatically get reported to Dorset Council, unless they are fatal. Dorset Council have a designated page on their website that anyone can report an incident, which is <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-non-injury-collision-or-near-miss>.

Please report any collisions or near misses on this website, which will provide the necessary evidence that road safety measures need to be in place.

A large hedge that is overhanging the highways was reported. Cllr Moxham will obtain photos and site information to forward to the Clerk to enable her to report it to Dorset Council Highways Team for their enforcement/action.

Action: Cllr Moxham

Cllr Bird asked for the Clerk to speak to the necessary authority regarding making the triangle at the bottom of new road, good, after construction traffic damage. It was suggested that if Blandford St Mary Parish Council agrees, some grass seed and wildflower seeds could be put on the soil that has been banked up. The Clerk will contact Dorset Council and Blandford St Mary Parish Council with these requests and suggestions.

Action - Clerk

Planning – there were no applications to discuss.

DAPTC – All communication had been circulated to the Councillors.

The Old Powerhouse – Parking and access road issues at/near The Old Powerhouse was raised. A letter will be sent out to each resident in the immediate vicinity (for information) and to any resident that routinely parks on The OP car park overnight etc, stating parking, is for patrons only. This will be enforced.

Bryanston Estate – nothing to report.

Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan –

Work is nearly complete on the B+NP Non-designated Heritage Assets Lists for Bryanston, Blandford Forum, ready for integration with Dorset Council's NDHA list.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 23rd March.

Wyatt Homes have informed residents that their landscape contractors have removed a section of hedgerow alongside the A354 Blandford bypass where a new roundabout is proposed for access to the development planned for the North-East of Blandford. The vegetation removal is in line with the approved plans and was undertaken ahead of the bird nesting season, in anticipation of commencement of development later this year (start date to be confirmed pending agreement with Dorset Council highways).

Emergency Planning Team – nothing to report.

25/54. Finance

The Clerk had circulated payment schedule for January 2026 which was approved via email for the sum of £1153.63

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for February 2026 for the sum of £589.14. This was proposed by Cllr Moxham and seconded by Cllr Tompsett, all agreed, and signed by the Chairman. Details are as below:

Payee	Description	Expense Amount
Lloyds DD	Service charge	£ 4.25
N Phillips	Clerks wages Jan DD	£ 293.56
HMR DD	Paye/tax/ni/emp ni	£ 206.42
N Phillips HP reimburse	New Laptop	£ 289.00
Blandford Town Council	% annual webhosting NDP	£ 12.16
Langers & Son	Additional works Cliff ect	£ 192.00
Doret Council - N Phillips	re-fill grit bin new one	£ 94.80
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Jan	£ 61.44
Total January 26		£ 1,153.63

Payee	Description	Expense Amount
N Phillips DD	Clerks wages Feb	£ 293.56
HMR DD	Paye/tax/ni/emp ni	£ 206.42
Cllr C Moxham reimburse	Plaque for memorial bench	£ 61.56
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Feb	£ 27.60
Total February 26		£ 589.14

RESOLVED: to pay the payments on the schedule for January 2026 and February 2026 and agreed the bank reconciliation for February 2026 (25/54 current account)

Grants and Donations

The following grants and donations were agreed to be awarded from 2025-2026 budget:

Blandford Town Council – public toilets	£50.00
Dorset Citizens' advice	£50.00
St Nicholas, Bryanston an Durweston Church	£100.00
Bryanston Parish Community Charity	£50.00
Bryanston Newsletter	£50.00
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	£50.00

A donation was agreed for the Speed Watch Team for the purchase of a speed gun for the sum of £140.00
Cllr Moxham proposed, Cllr Tompsett seconded, all in favour, for the grant awards and donation for 2025/2026

RESOLVED: to award the organisations listed above grants from 2025-2026 budget. (25/54 grants)

25/55. Chairman report

It is with great regret that we have had to accept the resignation of our long-standing parish clerk Mrs Nicky Phillips, who will step down from the role at the end of May, after the council's AGM.

Mrs Phillips has been the parish clerk for 14 years and has always ensured the smooth running of our parish council. We are going to miss her excellent knowledge, expertise, advice and professionalism. We are grateful that Mrs Phillips has agreed to stay until a new clerk has been appointed.

We are in the process of appointing a new clerk.

Wishing all Bryanston Parish Residents a very Happy Easter.

25/56. Clerk report – Correspondence.

The Clerk read out an email received from a member of the public visiting the Village, who reported that the newsletter stated that Central Government has cancelled Neighbourhood Plans. This is incorrect as Central Government has withdrawn grant funding. The Chairman will check the newsletter wording and will ensure an erratum is included in the next issue, if necessary.

Action: Cllr Tompsett

25/57. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting. APM/AGM – other matters arising

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th of May 2026, to be held at The Old Powerhouse, Bryanston at 6.30pm.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.18pm.